

REMARKS

No claims have been amended, no claims have been canceled, and no new claims have been added. Claims 1-6, 11-17, 22-28 and 33 are pending.

Disclaimers Relating to Claim Interpretation and Prosecution History Estoppel

The claims of this application are intended to stand on their own and are not to be read in light of the prosecution history of any related or unrelated patent or patent application. Furthermore, no arguments in any prosecution history relate to any claim in this application, except for arguments specifically directed to the claim.

Claim Rejections – Nonstatutory Double Patenting

The Office Action provisionally rejected claims 1-6, 11-17, 22-28 and 33 as conflicting with claims 1-33 of Application No. 10/840,889. A terminal disclaimer is being filed concurrently with this Response. As such, this rejection is now moot and should be withdrawn.

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Conclusion

In view of all of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and reexamination are respectfully requested and allowance at an early date is solicited.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney to answer any questions or to discuss steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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